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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A cover for a tubular metal guard rail of the type constructed from a bent pipe having a circular cross section with a diameter and having two spaced-apart, below-ground ends [[and]] resulting in a continuous, above-ground midsection with opposing side surfaces defining parallel planes connecting the two ends, the cover comprising:

a polymeric structural plastic sleeve having two parallel side panels having outer surfaces and inner surfaces spaced apart at a distance greater than the diameter of the pipe,

the side panels being joined with a curved section resulting leaving an elongated bottom slot having a bottom edge defining a plane perpendicular to the plane of the side panels,

having an outer surface and the slot opening into an internal cavity dimensioned to fit over the guard rail, the cavity terminating in a planar with the bottom edge adjacent to a ground surface when the sleeve is installed over the midsection of the guard rail.

9. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 8, wherein one or both of the outer surfaces includes an advertising display.

10. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein the advertising display is a message of stenciled letters.

11. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein the advertising display includes an electrical or electronic circuit comprising one or more lighting elements configured to display a message or image.

12. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein the advertising display includes one or more magnetically mounted objects of a ferro-magnetic surface.

13. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein the advertising display uses hook-and-loop

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materials.

14. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein the advertising display includes a chalkboard or marker surface.

15. (Original) The cover of claim 8, further including a fastener for securing the sleeve to the guard rail.

16. (New) The cover of claim 8, further including a fastener for securing the sleeve to a ground surface.

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